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SUBJECT: NON-GOVERNMENT OWNED SHIP VISIT TO ROTA

1. NAVY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE AMERICAN SAILING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (SEA-A NATIONAL, NON-PROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION) CONCERNING POSSIBLE VISIT OF OCEANOGRAPHIC TRAINING SHIP, R/V WESTWARD, TO ROTA IN DECEMBER 1973. SEA HAS REQUESTED THAT DOCKING AND SUPPORT FACILITIES OF ROTA NAVAL BASE BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THAT CREW AND STUDENTS BE GRANTED ACCESS TO UNCLASSIFIED AREAS OF THAT BASE DECEMBER 3-10, 1973.

2. R/V WESTWARD IS ENGAGED IN FAR-RANGING OCEAN-RELATED RESEARCH FOR SCIENTISTS FROM A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS (WOODS HOLE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICES, MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, ETC.)

3. SHIP IS 100 FOOT AUXILIARY STAY-SAIL SCHOONER AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CARRIES CREW OF 6, STAFF OF 2-4 SCIENTISTS, AND 18-20

STUDENTS WHO SERVE AS APPRENTICE SEAMEN/FIELD OCEANO-
GRAPHERS. FULL COMPLEMENT IS 28.

4. R/V WESTWARD CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT CADIZ IN
DECEMBER TO DISCHARGE ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS AND RECEIVE
ANOTHER FOR THE NEXT 7 WEEK COURSE. MOST STUDENTS WILL

BE US CITIZENS FROM UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT US.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE APPROPRIATE SPANISH AUTHORITIES
THAT US NAVY WOULD BE WILLING PROVIDE ASSISTANCE RE-
QUESTED FOR R/V WESTWARD PROVIDED GOS HAS NO OBJECTION
AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE GOS VIEWS ON PROPOSED VISIT. RUSH

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